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#### Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 4.—Western Oregon and Western Washington—Thursday probably occasional light rain or snow; continued cold.

Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—Fair and continued cold.

#### POLITICAL PREVARICATORS.

The Tacoma Ledger published a special dispatch from Portland that for falsehood and unreliability has never been equalled in the annals of journalism. It was no doubt written by a democrat who is ignorant of politics in Oregon. The dispatch, in part, is as follows:

"Portland, Ore., Jan. 1.—Following close on the heels of the indictment by the federal grand jury of Senator John H. Mitchell, the political machine which for 17 years has almost continuously controlled the destinies and designs of politics in Oregon has begun to disintegrate. Before Francis Joseph Heney came to Oregon to investigate and prosecute for land frauds, barely eight months ago, everything was for Mitchell. Before the grand jury reported its last indictments, no one dared to say he was not for Mitchell, for the power of the man endured. But today Mitchell has passed, the mechanism that he invented, perfected and employed to his own political aggrandizement is useless from lack of power, and no man will say he is for Mitchell."

"The Mitchell machine is smashed and they stand alone, each pitted against all others. After accomplishing, singlehanded and silently, something that stump speakers, campaign funds and political generalship has often failed to do, Francis Joseph Heney has started for San Francisco, where he must attend to other legal business, carrying with him, it is alleged, documentary evidence that John H. Hall, who was yesterday removed by the president from the position of district attorney for Oregon, is involved."

"This is the reason for the disintegration of the Mitchell machine. The senator cannot protect himself, cannot assist his friends. As a result he is deserted. The weakening of the Mitchell power is shown in another way. The city administration is being investigated by the county grand jury and rottenness and corruption are being unmasked. It is rumored that the chief of police and mayor—both Mitchell favorites—are to be indicted."

"Even Binger Hermann has no good word to say for the senator. He stoutly protests his own innocence of the charge but does not say Mitchell is innocent."

"New political combinations are already being formed. Senator Fulton has recommended George C. Brownell for district attorney and Harvey W. Scott has renewed hope of sitting in the United States senate."

There is not a word of truth in the statement, except the date line of the dispatch. Hon. John H. Mitchell has not controlled the politics of Oregon for the past 24 years, neither are all the federal appointments in Oregon dictated by him. For six or eight years Hon. Jos. Simon controlled the politics of the state, and both he and Hon. G. W. McBride served in the United States senate formerly held by Mitchell. Mayor Williams was not elected by the Mitchell faction, but by the Oregonian contingent. Chief of Police Hunt is not a Mitchell man. United States District Attorney Hall was not recommended for reappointment by Mitchell but by Senator Fulton. Hon. Binger

Hermann has always had a good word to say for Senator Mitchell, and has never made a statement that could be construed otherwise. Senator Mitchell has not been deserted by his friends, but is being warmly defended by everyone of them. Hon. Geo. C. Brownell has not been recommended by Senator Fulton for the United States district attorneyship, and no one will be recommended for the position until the charges against John H. Hall have been investigated. Hon. John H. Mitchell has not been convicted of any complicity in the land frauds and it is extremely doubtful if he will be.

The whole story is a base fabrication, originating in the depraved mind of either a senile democrat, or some worthless politician who has been deposed from office for crookedness. No other man would or could be guilty of resorting to such contemptible methods to besmirch the character of so honorable a gentleman as Hon. John H. Mitchell. We are not discussing the merits of the case, neither do we believe any man is guilty until proven innocent. It is extremely doubtful if the evidence of a self-convicted thief will be taken against the evidence of an honorable gentleman. Juries do not render verdicts upon any such hypothesis. The attack is unwarranted, unjust and absolutely false.

#### "TOO LATE: YE CANNOT ENTER NOW."

The following taken from yesterday's Oregonian shows commendable action on the part of the managers of the Lewis and Clark fair in Portland:

"To those local firms who gave to the Lewis and Clark fair shall be given back in the shape of space manifold; to those who gave not shall no space be given, none at all. The exhibits committee of the board has been selected for more and more space by those who have been the least willing to dig into their pockets when the fair was getting on its legs and needed money, and these are for the greater part not willing to take stock now, still they clamor for space. But they will not get it, and those who have taken stock and are now willing to take more and are loyal to the exposition are to have two eels on the machinery and transportation building erected for their especial benefit."

"This, with a good many more things, was decided by the committee as it went about the grounds yesterday afternoon looking up sites for some small buildings which exhibitors are anxious to build for themselves. The important business of the afternoon was deciding upon the size of the eels to be erected and 125x120 feet was agreed to. Those will be entirely taken up by local manufacturers who have supported the fair."

There seems to be the same element in Portland that infests Astoria. Whenever a regatta is given, or any public entertainment and the people and merchants are called upon to contribute, there are always a certain class of people who never advertise and never contribute a cent to the enterprises, who, after the affair assumes definite shape and is certain to be a success, always come in on the tail end of the procession and want to reap some of the benefits. A newspaper works hard to build up a city and benefit every merchant, yet these drones in the hive of industry never contribute one cent toward aiding the enterprise. The Portland contingent of fossilized silurians are now reaping the reward due to all barnacles on the body politic, and not only are the gates of the Lewis and Clark fair to be closed against them, but they will no doubt be denied admission to the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem.

#### NEEDS A BOTTLE OF LINTON'S COUGH SYRUP.

That life is the result of purely physical and chemical forces, irrespective of any divine or vital forces, has been declared by Prof. Albert P. Matthews of the University of Chicago to his class in physiological chemistry.

While refusing to dispute the theory of the divine origin of life, Professor Matthews took the stand that the present creation of life has been proved to be the result of purely physico-chemical reactions.

"Certain chemical substances," he says, "coming together under certain conditions, do and are bound to produce life, no matter what theologians may say. There is no getting away from facts and the results of laboratory experiments in regard to the production of certain phenomena of life are convincing."

Prof. Matthews predicted it is only a matter of time before life itself will be produced in the laboratory.

#### JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.

The killing of Frank Fritz in Portland Wednesday by Henry H. Loomis for alienating his wife's affections, would be considered, under ordinary circumstances as justifiable homicide. No man has a right to interfere in or break up the family of another, and there is no provision of the criminal statutes sufficient to punish such offenders. When a man who has been wronged, takes the law into his own hands and kills the disrupter, a jury will invariably return a verdict of justification. Had young Loomis simply killed Fritz it is probable that he would have been acquitted. According to the statement of the woman's mother she was participas criminis, in that she encouraged her daughter in her affections for Fritz. She is now suffering the penalty brought about by her own actions. Had she remonstrated with her daughter, in her clandestine outings with Fritz a murder would have been averted and her daughter would have been alive.

The worst crime that can be committed, even worse than murder, is for a man to abuse confidence reposed in him by alienating the affections of another man's wife and breaking up his home. It is of too frequent occurrence and the only way to effectually stop the heinous practice is with a dose of cold lead judiciously administered.

#### OH HORROR!

Predicament of the Sheriff, Viem Boelling and The Astorian.

Sheriff Linville was treading in state fashion down Commercial street yesterday afternoon, but his course was suddenly arrested, and the 265-pound sheriff stopped, trembling in his tracks. He would face a gun or a murderer without changing his complexion—but this was worse, and the sheriff hastily side-stepped and circled around the object of suspicion, then he yelled for help.

Viem Boelling was across the street and hurriedly responded to get the fee for helping apprehend the criminal, and after the sheriff had nearly jerked Viem's arm out of joint he was brought to focus his eyes on the cause of the disturbance, and then timidly seized Boelling for his own, and the two "Intrepids" fell into each others arms, and let loose another squawk for help that brought The Astorian reporter on the gallop.

The moment was critical. The reporter gasped when he saw the exhibit, but he had seen something similar before, and stood his ground. They are in his desk now, and any heavily veiled lady who has lost something can have the same by sending a district messenger boy to The Astorian office to notify the city editor to get out of the way; then open the top drawer of his desk, and the garters are in the pink paper on the right, just under the copy of Byron's Don Juan.

#### LITTLE WAS DONE.

Congress Talks of Admitting New States to Union.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Upon reconvening today after the holiday recess, the senate plunged directly into consideration of the bill for admission of two states to be composed of Arizona and New Mexico and Oklahoma and the Indian territory.

A motion by Beveridge to take up the bill prevailed by a two-thirds majority.

Hepburn, who renewed his effort to get up the pure food bill, voted with the democrats on roll call, but, with this exception, the republicans voted solidly to proceed with consideration of the statehood bill, and the democrats solidly against this course. A motion by Bates to recommit was voted down. Nelson spoke at length in advocacy of the bill.

There was an exceptionally large attendance of senators when the senate was called to order. President Protem Frye being absent, Senator Perkins presided.

#### Student Suicides.

Salt Lake, Jan. 4.—Royal H. Milliron, the 25-year-old son of a local physician, shot himself through the heart in a hotel at Provo. He had left here ostensibly to return to his medical studies at Rush Medical college, Chicago. No cause is known for the deed.

#### Divorce Case Rests.

New York Jan. 3.—Investigation of the Dodge Morse divorce tangle was not taken up by the grand jury today as expected.

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